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FOR AF/W AMBASSADOR HARROP FROM CHARGE

E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: (HARROP, WILLIAM)

SUBJECT: ARRIVAL AMBASSADOR HARROP

REF: STATE 107897

1. WARMEST CONGRATULATIONS FROM MYSELF AND ENTIRE STAFF (NOW UP TO FULL STRENGTH) ON SENATE CONFIRMATION. WE ARE ALL LOOKING FORWARD TO SEEING YOU AND SCOTT MAY 23 AND REST OF FAMILY SHORTLY THEREAFTER.

2. THANKS VERY MUCH FOR REMARKS RE PL480 AGREEMENT. I'M GLAD IT'S FINISHED.

3. WITH HIGHLY UNUSUAL FAVORABLE PUBLICITY HERE FOLLOWING PL480 SIGNATURE, WITH BAUXITE PROBLEMS RESOLVED (TEMPORARILY), AND WITH VARIOUS OTHER PROJECTS OF COOPERATION UNDERWAY, I HAVE IMPRESSION THAT US IS RIDING HIGH AT PRESENT TIME. IT SHOULD BE GOOD TIME TO COME.

4. I HOPE YOU ARE RIGHT ABOUT 5 PERCENT INITIAL PAYMENT REQUIREMENTS. WE HAVE TAKEN EVERY OCCASION TO IMPRESS UPON GUINEAN INTERLOCUTORS THAT THIS IS NEW REQUIREMENT, BUT WE STILL HAVE IMPRESSION THAT-- IN THEIR RUSH TO GET AGREEMENT SIGNED AND COMMODITIES IMPORTED -- WHAT WE SAY GOES IN ONE EAR AND OUT THE OTHER. THE ONLY GUINEAN OFFICIAL WHO WOULD IMMEDIATELY UNDERSTAND IMPORT OF THIS REQUIREMENT IS MOUNTAGA

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KEITA, WHO WAS IN WASHINGTON AND NOT HERE FOR NEGOTIATIONS. I

HOPE THIS WILL NOT PROVE TO BE A PROBLEM.

5. WE ARE NOW WORKING ON SUGGESTED REMARKS FOR ACCREDITATION CEREMONY AND WILL CABLE SHORTLY.

6. WE ARE DOING FINAL TOUCH-UP WORK ON RESIDENCE, WHICH WILL BE READY. SUGGEST IF POSSIBLE YOU BRING NET FOR PADDLE TENNIS COURT AND BASKETBALL HOOP AND NET IN AIRFREIGHT. IF AT ALL POSSIBLE, WE COULD ALSO USE NEW VOLLEYBALL NET. WE ARE WORKING ON TENNIS COURT -- DESPITE SOME DIFFICULTIES GETTING SUPPLIES FROM FREETOWN -- AND HOPE TO HAVE IT READY SOON AFTER YOUR ARRIVAL. I ASSUME YOU ALSO HAVE RECEIVED THE GOOD NEWS ABOUT OUR BOAT (CONAKRY 0636).

7. WOULD APPRECIATE YOUR COMMENTS ON ONE FINAL SUBJECT. WE SHOULD HAVE A FEW THOUSAND DOLLARS LEFT IN FY75 SELF-HELP ALLOTMENT. THOUGH WE HAVE OTHER POSSIBILITIES, OCCURS TO ME THAT ONE GOOD PROJECT MIGHT BE SUPPLYING A FEW OUTBOARD MOTORS TO LOCAL PRL (BASIC PARTY -- LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNIT) IN AREA OF YOUR RESIDENCE, WHICH SAME AREA MANY EMBASSY PERSONNEL LIVE. THESE PRL'S ARE UNDER INJUNCTION FROM GOG TO PROVIDE FISH FOR

POPULATION IN THEIR AREAS. THEY HAVE BOATS, BUT USUALLY NO MOTORS. CANADIAN GOVERNMENT WILL HAVE AID PROJECT NEXT YEAR TO FURNISH LARGE NUMBER SUCH OUTBOARD MOTORS, BUT IF WE COULD WORK IT OUT, THIS MIGHT BE USEFUL GESTURE FOR YOU TO MAKE SHORTLY AFTER ARRIVAL. WE COULD PROBABLY GET MOTORS FROM FREETOWN.

8. REGARDS.
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